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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:46 AM
To: jabaang@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Whatever happened to Keeping the Country, Country?

Thank you for your email and while I respect your opinion, the issue of the "purple" spot was not as clear-cut as you assert. While there were many residents from Waianae who favored its removal, there were many who advocated for its retention. Additionally, the Nanakuli Neighborhood Board, to which this area is specifically located, took a position in support of the "purple" spot on 2 occasions.

I am also disappointed that you feel that there is some level of preferential treatment afforded to this issue given that our office met with all parties who had requested a meeting on this matter and made a purposeful effort to convene 3 meetings on the Leeward Coast to specifically hear further testimony on this issue.

Please also understand that the "purple" spot was included in the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan by Mayor Peter Carlisle through the City's Department of Planning and Permitting and not the Honolulu City Council. This inclusion was made after a series of community meetings and public hearings. Therefore, the Council's actions with respect to the "purple" spot this past Wednesday is consistent with the recommendations offered by Mayor Peter Carlisle through the City's Department of Planning and Permitting.

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From: Angela, Jessica Hoppe-Cruz, Baang [<mailto:jabaang@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 6:16 AM

To: Martin, Ernie

Subject: Whatever happened to Keeping the Country, Country?

Dear Councilmember Martin,

Whatever happened to Keep Country, Country? It is something that your constituents and Wai`anae residents have in common--the value of open space and agriculture. You've not only disappointed all of the people who fought to remove the Purple Spot, but also your own constituents, who believe in keeping the country, country not only in their own backyard, but as a general philosophy.

I'm outraged at your blatant disregard for the public's voice regarding the Purple Spot. You've sent a clear message that you have more loyalty to your big campaign donors than to the constituents you're supposed to represent. Shame on you. It's decisions like these that make people cynical, jaded and disengaged from this political system. What do you have to say to people whose voices you've ignored? We will not forget this.

I am moved by the level of integrity and perseverance I've seen in the community despite your bad decision. It's disappointing that such integrity does not seem to exist in government.

What steps will you take to fix the bad decision that was made? Tell Mayor Carlisle to veto Bill 50.

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